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Small Grain Harvest Complete

Agricultural Summary

Statewide, fall temperatures were above normal, ranging from 73 to 87 during the day and from 30 to 51 at night. Moisture for the state was scattered, with the majority falling in the south-central and eastern areas. The precipitation that did fall ranged from 0.05 to 0.65 inches. For the week ending October 3, major agricultural activities included caring for livestock, fall soil preparation, planting winter wheat, and harvesting hay, apples, dry beans, onions, sugarbeets, and potatoes.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and Pasture condition was reported to be mostly fair to good during this past week. Cattle and sheep continue to be reported in good condition. The fall calving season has begun in some areas of the state, and ranchers are beginning to move cattle off of summer pastures.

Field Crop Report

Small grain harvest for the 2004 crop season has wrapped up, and fall seeding is well underway. Apple harvest continued in the south-western part of the state. Nez Perce County Extension Educators reported a week of clear weather that allowed growers at higher elevations to finish harvest. Franklin County Extension Educators reported very good soil moisture for winter wheat planting. Power County Extension Educators reported receiving a soaking rain of 0.4 to 0.5 inches Wednesday night that ideally helped dryland winter wheat. The potato and sugarbeet harvest in Power County was halted for a couple of days due to this rain shower.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 13% very short, 33% short, and 54% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2004	2003	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	5	9	7
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	91	89	76
Onions Harvested	75	89	74
Dry Beans Harvested	95	91	92
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	67	71	66

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	--	6	79	15
Irr. Water Supply	13	25	37	24	1
Range & Pasture	1	7	32	59	1

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	28	49	38	69	64	38	73	67	69	75	67	65	54	59	50
Emerged	1	5	5	15	39	17	18	34	24	40	27	28	17	19	16
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	90	83	77	46	56	52	39	43	37	44	50	44
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	3	7	3	12	10	16	16	14	13	11	10	13
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	100	100	100	78	83	86	91	93	93

Avg (1998-2003); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 3, 2004 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	75	36	59	5	3869	1992	1825	0.00	-0.31	0.00	8.49	13.64
Grangeville	73	40	55	2	3444	1618	1493	0.00	-0.40	0.00	16.92	16.29
Lewiston	85	45	64	5	5175	3107	2721	0.00	-0.19	0.00	8.62	7.48
Sand Point 5/	76	40	--	--	3604	1794	1450	0.00	-0.37	0.00	15.58	15.11
Southwest												
Boise	83	51	66	8	5188	3142	2606	0.00	-0.16	0.00	4.76	6.17
Caldwell	84	43	63	5	5060	3010	2864	0.00	-0.13	0.00	1.90	5.43
Emmett	82	46	65	7	4813	2802	2537	0.00	-0.15	0.00	3.96	6.27
Mountain Home	84	43	61	4	5024	3046	2597	0.00	-0.13	0.00	3.32	4.76
Parma	87	45	66	9	4929	2889	2437	0.00	-0.14	0.00	3.53	5.59
Weiser	87	43	67	11	5222	3175	2536	0.00	-0.12	0.00	3.16	5.45
Southcentral												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	4195	2239	2147	0.00	-0.11	0.00	2.07	5.15
Burley	83	41	61	6	3858	1962	2118	0.27	0.14	0.00	4.38	5.62
Hill City	80	30	54	4	2999	1397	1259	0.05	-0.11	0.00	2.92	5.89
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	4946	2906	2686	0.00	-0.08	0.00	1.70	4.75
Malta	84	39	58	4	4030	2123	1852	0.42	0.28	0.02	6.63	6.40
Twin Falls	82	40	61	7	4102	2198	1866	0.42	0.27	0.00	5.61	5.79
East												
Aberdeen 5/	83	36	--	--	3274	1596	1608	0.06	-0.11	0.06	4.93	5.60
Grace	80	30	53	2	3125	1469	1442	0.13	-0.17	0.13	9.83	10.12
Idaho Falls	79	37	56	5	3354	1602	1677	0.22	0.02	0.01	6.50	6.85
Malad City	86	35	58	5	3854	2046	1842	0.27	0.00	0.11	8.00	8.90
Pocatello	82	37	57	4	3838	1990	1947	0.65	0.45	0.00	5.75	7.29
Rexburg	78	37	56	5	3359	1636	1562	0.16	-0.07	0.06	6.83	8.37
Salmon 5/	75	37	--	--	3045	1491	--	--	--	--	4.28	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{1/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Emmett	73	64	75	64	75	65	74	66	75	65	75	64	--	--	75	65
Parma	62	61	62	61	62	61	62	61	62	61	--	--	--	--	62	61
Sandpoint	64	53	65	55	--	--	63	55	63	54	--	--	--	--	64	54
Twin Falls	65	54	67	53	67	58	61	58	67	56	67	57	66	56	66	56

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.